



Chesney Moss, Hannah Oran, Kate Herrera, Tarrin Chambers and Belle Moss of the Lighthouse Cabin are overjoyed to meet flaming-haired Mary Ciullo, the "Woman on Fire." Mary shared her moving testimony of God's overwhelming love revealed.

Big Ridge Youth Camp Caps off Summer of Fun

High Places children and youth enjoyed a summer packed with picnics, pool parties, camping and philanthropy; providing fun, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. "Off the Wall" Youth latched onto our camp theme, "Catching Fire" at Big Ridge in July. Activities were focused on HP core values and beliefs: God's divine presence, essential scripture, sin and brokenness, hope through Jesus Christ, and the love of a faith family.

Our "Mountain Movers" children enjoyed their own overnight camping experience July 26 and 27, recreating and exploring the many ways God "winks" and makes His presence known to us.

Energy remains high in the after-glow of camp. Thanks to Chad O'Neil and Kady Marcotte for their leadership, and to a great many volunteers for investing in these most precious of ministries.



(above) Most campers & staff have trouble posing for a "serious" group photo; (left) Parker, Jackson & Balin pause for a photo op; (below) Sophia, Abby, Brenna, Lynley & Sarah stabilize themselves on the familiar log swing, assembled annually by Earl Allred & Danny Brannon.



A Lasting Impact

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

— Luke 3:16





"We Are Batman"

On April 27 High Places screened *Legends of the Knight*, a moving documentary about children whose love of "the Batman" has helped them overcome adversity. David also donated his private collection of collectables and comic books (supplemented by Marvin Hatcher's donations) for an auction to benefit *Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties*. For over 25 years ADFAC has provided basic necessities to struggling families, including school supplies for hundreds of our community's neediest children.

David has shared how his calling to ministry is linked to his childhood love of comic books. Many of us have found our souls

awakened by fictional heroes who remain faithful and courageous in the face of great danger and suffering. As a child, David recognized that his comic book heroes reminded him of the fishermen in the Bible whom Jesus called as his first disciples; humble heroes who "live with hope at every cast of the line." "Somewhere along the way," says David, "I not only took the bait, but starting tossing line too."

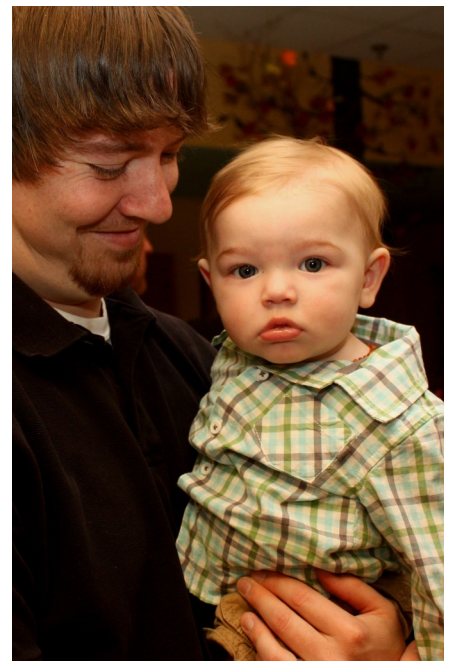
The individual stories portrayed in *Legends of the Knight* reveal that our pastor is not alone in his admiration of Batman; folks of all ages are drawn to the caped crusader's message of hope. This film lifted the hearts of all in attendance and was a blessing for the community. Proceeds raised for ADFAC from the screening and the auction amounted to over \$1000.



Season of Hope



A late Easter made for a beautiful sunny day of fellowship with church family on the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Music and a short message of hope were followed by a colossal potluck supper and traditional Easter egg hunt for the kids. We left the Grove with joy and warmth in our hearts and smiles on our faces.



(Clockwise from top left) Musical stylings by the High Places Choir kick off the morning's proceedings; Kiera just can't contain her excitement; Riley seems less than completely thrilled by his very first Easter fest at the Grove; meanwhile other High Places young people radiate enthusiasm. (Photos by Christine Mullan)

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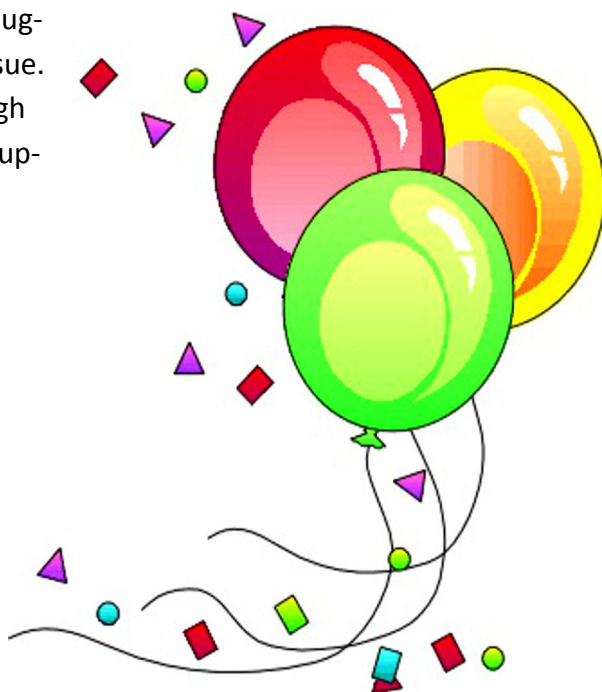
Martin's Birthday Party *

Sunday, September 7
10:30 AM — 3:00 PM
at the Grove Theater

Celebrate by taking “a Walk Through the Bible,” a journey Martin experienced forty years ago that changed many things regarding his knowledge and confidence in the Bible. Now High Places is looking forward to taking you on this same walk, led by certified WTB instructors. Adults, youth and children are welcome (children will study in a separate group).

For centuries, the Bible was the only book found in the households of our ancestors. The narrative revealed in Genesis through Revelation was the story by which people understood the meaning of their lives. The Bible is the greatest story ever told, and many of us long for a deeper understanding of it. The Bible is also history. Once we understand its place in the story of humankind, we will have a better understanding of how to read, study and discuss it.

For those who can afford it, a materials charge of \$20 is suggested (bring it on the day), but don't let money be an issue. Sign up on the party list in the lobby, or call or email a High Places staff member. This event is guaranteed to be fun, uplifting and highly instructive.



** a party also in celebration of the birthdays of Kaitlin Fields, Alex Stewart, Jane Pattison (our angel), and any of you also born on September 7*